

**DOG NOSE ART****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/023,427 (filed Jan. 25, 2008) the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT**

[0002] Not Applicable.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

[0003] This invention relates to animal art, and more specifically to dog nose art.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[0004] The domestic dog has been (and continues to be) one of the most widely-kept working and companion animals in human history. In the context of companion animals, dogs often become much loved and respected members of the human family unit. For single households a dog is often a treasured and beloved animal. A dog's life span is often numbered in less than 20 years and their human owners frequently outlive them. Many owners would like to have a permanent reminder of their beloved dog before they pass away. There is a need for kits or methods that enable dog owners to remember and/or celebrate their dogs in a decorative and artistic way.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

[0005] FIG. 1 shows a dog art kit, according to the present invention.

[0006] FIG. 2 shows a brush with a bristle end being dabbed on dog nose powder held in container, according to the present invention.

[0007] FIG. 3 shows the dog nose powder of FIG. 2 being transferred to a dog nose, according to the present invention.

[0008] FIGS. 4 and 5 show the transfer of at least one dog nose smudge to a surface on a dog smudge display layer, according to the present invention.

[0009] FIG. 6 shows the arrangement of layers that make up a dog nose smudge laminate, according to one aspect of the present invention.

[0010] FIG. 7 shows an exemplar dog nose smudge laminate, according to the present invention.

[0011] FIG. 8 shows an exemplar dog nose smudge laminate with indicia and images disposed thereon, according to the present invention.

[0012] FIG. 9 shows an exemplar dog nose smudge laminate with indicia and images disposed thereon, according to the present invention.

[0013] FIG. 10 shows a "My Dog 'Nose Art'" kit, according to the present invention.

[0014] FIG. 11 shows a dog about to contact its nose with a window surface.

[0015] FIG. 12 shows dog nose smudges deposited on the window surface of FIG. 11.

[0016] FIG. 13 shows sandpaper being used to generate dog nose powder from a piece of chalk, the dog nose powder being deposited on a cotton ball.

[0017] FIG. 14 shows the dog nose smudges deposited on the window surface depicted in FIG. 12.

[0018] FIG. 15 shows a cotton ball of FIG. 13 being used to powder at least one dog nose smudge located on a window surface.

[0019] FIG. 15A shows a brush of FIG. 1 being used to powder at least one dog nose smudge located on a window surface.

[0020] FIG. 16 shows dog smudges about to be transferred to the surface of a dog smudge display layer.

[0021] FIG. 17 shows the dog smudge display layer with dog nose smudges collected thereon.

[0022] FIG. 18 shows Table 1.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0023] A kit and method that converts dog nose smudges deposited on a first surface into a form of dog nose art on a second surface.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

[0024] This invention is directed to animal art, and more specifically to dog nose art. Still more specifically, the invention is directed to providing a dog nose smudge laminate for people such as dog admirers who want a permanent reminder of a pet dog.

[0025] In a first embodiment of the invention a dog art kit 100 is provided to enable a dog lover or owner to obtain a permanent reminder of a beloved dog.

[0026] A summary of the component parts that make up the various embodiments of the present invention are listed in Table 1 (see FIG. 18).

[0027] It should be understood that the invention is devoted to displaying dog smudges in a dog nose smudge laminate 320 comprising at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge 305.

[0028] The invention comprises parts that make up the dog nose smudge laminate 320, and elements that enable a person to convert at least one dog smudge 300 into corresponding at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge 305 by, for example, applying dog nose powder 240 (by means of, for example, at least one cotton ball 380 or a brush 220 as shown in FIGS. 15 and 15A, respectively) to at least one dog smudge 300 deposited on a first surface such as a window surface WS. Applying dog nose powder 240 to at least one dog smudge 300 converts the at least one dog smudge 300 to at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge 305. The at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge 305 are transferred to a second surface such as surface 260 of layer 140 (see, e.g., FIG. 6) which is used to form a dog nose smudge laminate 320 (see, e.g., FIGS. 6 through 9).

[0029] FIG. 1 shows the dog art kit 100 of the first embodiment of the invention, which is made up of a base layer 120, a dog smudge display layer 140, a transparent protective layer 160, a top window layer 180, a container 200 with dog nose powder 240 disposed therein, and a brush 220. One side of the dog smudge display layer 140 defines a second surface 260 (for purposes of description the first surface is whatever surface dog nose smudges 300 are disposed on such as a window surface WS (see, e.g., FIGS. 11 and 12); the terms "a second surface 260" and "surface 260" are hereinafter regarded as equivalent terms.

[0030] In practicing the invention at least one nose powder coated dog nose smudge 305 is transferred to the surface 260